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THE following Paper was written with Design of appearing about the Time it bears Date; but when I consider'd that the Indiscretions which occasion'd it, might, in some measure, be calculated to promote the *Interest* of the Author of *Arminius*, I resolved to suppress it; he had reaped every Advantage he could hope his Labour.—— For, whatever Occasion may for detecting a Man's Follies, Humanity requires hold, as often as it can, be done without Injury Circumstances.

is was, at least, a tender Reason for Delay; some of the following Reflections may be of such Gentlemen as may hereafter intend their rs for the Theatre, it is principally with *that* they now appear.

ALG. SIDNEY.

Conduct of Some DRAMATICK WRITERS, *the Commencement of the* STAGE-LICENCE.

THE Hatred of Restraint, and (its Attendant) a Contempt of Authority, are so powerful with nd so predominant over the less thinking Part of ind, that on every Occasion, in Minds where n has not the Ascendant, an Unwillingness to to Authority, however *lawful* and *necessary*, tails to discover itself; especially where Perinterest *seems* to suffer.

Licentiousness of the Stage long called aloud rrection; nor was it *restrained*, till the whole ature approved the Regulations it was put un— Yet no sooner was this done, than several emen, actuated by *Private* Motives only, raised Voices *against* what was evidently calculated *General Good*.

as been found in this, as in many other Cases, that Gentlemen who most complained of *hard Usage*, ad least Claim to *Favour*: And, what has greatntributed to the Contempt such Writers have ith, is their so far losing a due Regard for the se of an Authority held by Appointment of the *Legislature*, as to treat whatever they have y met with, only as the Effect of *Private* Sen-

he Publick had been disappointed by the Want rit in some Pieces so much boasted of last Win- was a little surpriz'd to see any Gentleman beat- for Subscriptions upon the *very same Pretences*: ally when I considered, that the *Tragedy* said e lately met with so *cruel a Prohibition*, has, for Years, been first rejected by *one Theatre*, then *ther*, and then again offered to that by which been rejected, &c.

who reads only the Complaints published on Occasions, would be far from supposing the so *impatiently* borne from the Lord C——n than had been long *quietly submitted* to from *anagers of both Theatres*.

tend not here to bestow any Time in remarking thor's Partiality for his own Composition; that ent enough to all Men: What I have princiin view, is, the Weakness, or Inadvertency, ing to swell our *own* Sufferings at the Expence rs, who are no Way blameable for what is d upon them, as *severe* Treatment, and a Kind *justice*.

an Advertisement in To-day's *Daily Advertiser*, inting by Subscription a Tragedy called *Armi*we are told, 'the Author cannot help looking the Prohibition of his Piece as a very great dship.'—— And that he 'hopes the Publick excuse his Publishing it in that Manner, as the Method of Redress left him against so *unex*d an *Injury*.'

Thing is worth observing, in Regard to this eman, and all who may succeed him in *forcing* atick Pieces upon the Town; *viz.* That it not be amiss *to have a License for Performance* ORE *they are put in Rehearsal*. This seems to only *Natural* Method of Proceeding, since the has been regulated: And I am at a Loss to nr, why a Method so *convenient* in itself, should be neglected, without suspecting somewhat like a *Design of pleading a Disappointment*. This is, indeed, a mean Cause to assign; but so many Instances have corroborated this Opinion, as declare them more the Effect of *Intention* than *Accident*.

The Charge of *Injury* is not only indecent, but unjust; and it is not probable, that a Gentleman capable of writing a *Tragedy*, worthy the Publick Notice, would so far neglect the Regard due to the Laws of his Country, and those entrusted with the Execution of them, as to charge with *Injuring him* (abstractedly from any *Superior* View) a Character incapable of prostituting an Office instituted for the *Publick Benefit* to the Gratification of *Private Prejudice*: To such a Character, it is *injurious* to surmise so mean a Partiality.

It often happens, that when a Man has been guilty of one Folly he runs into another to defend, or account for it: The Author of *Arminius*, after the rash Charge I have mention'd, tells the Publick he is 'perswaded *this* will be the last Instance of printing a Play 'by Subscription, since it will be a *full Conviction* to 'all *Writers* for the Stage, that *no Play* CAN hereafter obtain a License, the Subject whereof lies in public Life, and which contains Sentiments that would, 'without Difficulty, pass in a *neighbouring Nation*, who 'never enjoy'd the Liberty either of the *Stage*, or of 'the *Press*.

This Writer must have form'd an extraordinary Idea of his own Abilities, to be perswaded *his* Fate will be a full Conviction of what all *succeeding Writers* are to expect: And it argues somewhat *weaker* than *Vanity*, to insinuate, or rather to assert, that the Subject he has handled without Success, *cannot* deserve Encouragement in any *other* Hand; for tho' we have lately seen several Instances where Scenes in *Publick Life* have been distorted to Purposes below the Dignity of the Tragick Muse, it is yet to be presumed Dramatick Genius is not so entirely exhausted, as to banish *all* Hope of its *Revival*:—— Such an Assertion is least excusable in a Writer who has attempted a Piece (perhaps *many Pieces*) of that Kind;—— A Gentleman under these Circumstances might have remembred, that every *Slip* or *Oversight* in one Writer, serves as a *Lesson* to all who *succeed*; and should it happen that *their Abilities* were no better, *his Failure* would caution them against the *same Errors*, however, in other Points, they may want Merit. This a Gentleman of Sense and Discernment cannot fail to foresee; for it is, at least, as absurd, and, perhaps, much more so, for a Man to suppose himself superior to all who *can succeed* him, as to raise himself above those whom he has succeeded: Since the *latter* serve as Patterns to improve him; the *former* will have the same Advantage from *his* Labours.

The Author of the *Advertisement* I have mentioned has used one very mean Artifice to gain the Attention of the Publick, by insinuating that *his Tragedy* is rejected for the *Sentiments of Liberty* it contains: This has been the Cry with others, who, upon Examination, were found to contain some Instances of *Liberty*, indeed; but of *such Liberty* as no *Gentleman* can approve, no *good Subject* desire; a Liberty of prostituting the Characters of *deceased* Heroes to the low Purposes of insulting the *Living*, and of stealing the Applauses of an unthinking Mob by Misrepresentations calculated only to deceive.

There is something so invidious in the unnatural Insinuation of a *neighbouring Nation* enjoying more Liberty of the *Stage* and *Press* than our own, that it would demand severe Notice, were not the *Untruth* too notorious for Confutation: The greatest modern *French* Poet being continually perplexed for *innocent, genteel* Satire; and their *Press* has been lately limited to such *narrow Bounds* as are scarcely sufficient for *Classicks* and *Devotion*:— While here, no *Dramatick Writer* suffers Punishment, the *Press* is left open for their Appeals, and even for their Reproaches.—— A *British* Heart, one would think sufficient to banish any Inclination to prefer the arbitrary Government of *France* to what we enjoy.—— To compliment *that* Nation at *our own Expence*, may shew a Gentleman's *Displeasure with his Country*; but while we enjoy our present happy Constitution, he who openly prefers *French Fetters* to the *Liberty of Britain*, will only prove himself unworthy the Blessings of a *Free, Protestant* Government.

February 21.

HOME PORTS

Leith, May 14. Arrived the John and Margaret, George Steil, and the Katharine, Tho. Lawson, both from London; the Phenix, John Wade, from Hull, with Beans.

Marazion in Mountsbay, May 16. This Day arrived the Severinus, Folx, from Arundale; and the John and William, Morcomb, from Morlaix for Guernsey, 'who reports, that on Monday last a Spa'nish Shallop with 50 Men took the Happy Return, 'Basset, of this Place, within two Leagues of the 'Mouth of the River Morlaix, and 4 English Ves'sels more; and he says there are 4 more Privateers 'cruising on that Coast. Corn is very dear here, 'Wheat at 20 s. per Bushel which is 24 Gallons, and 'Barley 14 s. and every Market-day rising, that un'less a Supply comes from other Places we dread the 'Consequence.

Penzance, May 15. Arrived here a Sloop from Southampton, Richard Beaumond Master, 'who 'says, that Yesterday he in Company with a Snow 'bound for Ireland, saw off of the Lizard a very long 'Shallop full of Men, which was coming right in the 'Fore-foot of the Snow, but the Snow having four 'Guns fir'd a Shot at her, on which she alter'd her 'Course and stood to Sea. There's also arriv'd a 'small Sloop from Morlaix for Guernsey, which Ma'ster I spoke with, who informs me, that on Monday 'last a Spanish Shallop which lies off of that Place 'took a Brigantine which belongs to this Port, Basset 'Master, and put the Men on shore there, which Men 'this Master spoke with in Morlaix that Night he 'came from thence, and he verily believes the Shal'lop that was seen on Wednesday last off of the Li'zard might be the Shallop that ply'd off of Morlaix.

Falmouth, May 17. Wind E. Sailed the Townshend Packet, Cooper, for Lisbon. 'Yesterday Mor'ning a Lugg-sail Spanish Boat off of the Lizard took 'a Vessel about 200 Tuns Burthen. This Account 'we have by a Man who from the Shore saw the said 'Vessel taken, and says, that the said Boat has been 'hovering on our Coast ever since Monday last, and 'that at first took her to be a Smuggler.' Arrived the James, Major, from Bristol for London; the Neptune, Ryder, and the Ann and Betty, Hyde, both from Liverpool for London.

Cowes, May 19. Wind N. E. Yesterday came in the Oswego, Waddell, and the Albany, Bryant, both for New York. Sailed the Townshend, Burford, a Tender, from Spithead to the Westward.

Portsmouth, May 20. Wind N. E. Went out of the Harbour, the Cæsar, Cummyngs, (for East-India) to Spithead. Sailed the Elizabeth, Thackston, for Guernsey. Came in the William and Margaret, Crowdson, from Guernsey for Newcastle.

Deal, May 20. Wind E. N. E. Arrived this Morning and sailed for the River, the Union, Naughton, from New England last from Dover. No Ship in the Downs.

Gravesend, May 20. Past'd by the Hope, Derickson, from Gottenburgh.

Arrived at several Ports.

At Weymouth, the St. Peter, Jacobson, from Norway.

At Dartmouth, the George, Teague, from Gibraltar for London.

At Poole, the Emanuel, Neskill, of and from Frederickshall.

LONDON.

Extract of a Letter from Capt. Macky, *on Board the* Nesbit *off the* Start, May 13, 1740.

"This will be delivered to you by a Londonderry Man, a brave and honest Fellow, who came to Cork just as I was ready to sail, whom I shipp'd as third Mate, being very well recommended by several Friends there. We sailed from Gibraltar the 21st of April last, and met with various Winds, till we came into the Latitude of 46 and 47, when the Winds came to Eastward and Northward, veering and hauling, which oblig'd us to stand sometimes to the Westward and sometimes Northward for several Days, till we got into the Latitude of 48: 34, about 50 Leagues to the Westward of Ushant, when on Saturday Morning last, the 10th Instant, the St Sebastian Spanish Privateer, of 18 Guns, all 6 Pounders, and [illegible] Men, bore down upon us with English Colours.

on Sight of her (as we have done during the Voyage on Sight of any Veſſel) got every Thing ready. When ſhe came pretty near us, the Gunner, who goes with the Bearer to avoid the Preſs, having been taken by the ſame Privateer laſt Year, aſſured us it was ſhe, and it proved accordingly. When ſhe came within Gunſhot ſhe ſtruck her Engliſh and hoiſted her Spaniſh Colours, and fired her Great Guns and Small Arms upon us with great Fury; we all lay cloſe till ſhe came along ſide of us, when we forced a whole Broadſide into her, which ſhe little expected. She returned it Broadſide and her Small Arms, as we did, with the Addition of three Engliſh Huzzas: This with our conſtant firing Great and Small Guns, oblig'd her to ſheer off a little, and decreaſe her Firing. Shortly after this he ſet all his Sails, and made off as faſt as he could: We crowded after her, and rak'd her Backſide merrily, every Body on Board being full of Spirits. We ſhould certainly have taken her, had we not been ſo deeply loaded. Three Days before us ſail'd 10 Sail of Merchant-ſhips, moſtly for London, convoyed as far as Cape St. Mary's by the Superb, Capt. Hervey; as we go well I fancy we have the Advantage of them, and fear ſeveral will fall into the Hands of the Privateer. I have wrote to Mr. Colwell by this Conveyance, and hope neith r he nor you have made Inſurance, as I ſhall never be afraid to meet ſuch another Privateer while I am ſupported by ſuch a brave Set of People as I have now. I forgot to tell you, the Heat of our Engagement laſted about three Glaſſes, or an Hour and Half. He has tickled our Sides and maul'd our Rigging, but I am confident his are much more pepper'd. Thank God we had none kill'd, but 4 are wounded with the Splinters. Our People who play'd the Blunderbuſſes from the Top, could perceive their Men fall thick on the Diſcharge of our Double Round and Partridge. We ſhot away his Colours, I wiſh it had been his Maſt, which enabled him to fly ſo faſt, that we might have ſhewn the St. Sebaſtian's the Way to London, and taught him better Manners for the many Inſults he has been guilty of."

Sunday laſt dy'd at the Red Lion Inn in Northampton, of a paralytic Diſorder in her Stomach, in the 62d Year of her Age, Mrs. Aiſlabie, Wife of John Aiſlabie, Eſq; of Studley Park near Rippon in Yorkſhire (who was formerly one of the Lords of the Admiralty, Chancellor of the Exchequer, a Member of the Privy Council, &c.) Siſter to Sir Charles Vernon, Kt. Member of Parliament for Chipping-Wycomb in Bucks, and Mother to Edmund Waller and Harry Waller, Eſqrs. Members for that Borough and Great Marlow.

Mr. William Ring, jun. Attorney at Law at Bath in Somerſetſhire, was married a few Days ago to Miſs Smith in that Neighbourhood, a beautiful young Lady, with a Fortune of 5000 l.

We hear, that the Officers of the Marines reſiding here are order'd to repair forthwith to the Iſle of Wight.

On Tueſday laſt an Expreſs arriv'd at the Counteſs Dowager of Salisbury's with an Account of the Death of the Hon —— Cecil, Eſq; her Ladyſhip's Son, who dy'd a few Days ſince at Aix la Chapelle. He was Brother to the Right Hon. the Earl of Salisbury.

His Majeſty is ſtill detain'd at Sheerneſs by contrary Winds.

The Right Hon. the Lord Harrington, who has been ill of a Fever and Ague on board one of the Yachts, is on the mending Hand.

Yeſterday a Jury of Goldſmiths met in the Duchy Court at Weſtminſter, according to Cuſtom, in order to try the Pix of Gold and Silver, whether it was according to the Standard.

There were preſent the Lord Chancellor, the Dukes of Richmond and Newcaſtle, the Earls of Hay and Abercorn, Sir Robert Walpole, and ſeveral other Perſons of Diſtinction, alſo the Hon. Richard Arundel, Eſq; Maſter of the Mint, and Peter Vandereſch, Eſq; Deputy Maſter.

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